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First Class; Medium Priced.

The Celebrated "WASHBURN"
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Fine Instruments.

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Good, Substantial Articles.

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Finest in the Market.

A CHOICE AND WELL-SELECTED STOCK of the above goods.
Holiday Trade now in stock, and more coming. For the next sixty days SPECIAL
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We can make you a suit or Over-
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CLOTHING for Men, Boys and Children
Ready Made---the cheapest to the
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Call and see for yourselves before you
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We are reaching for your trade and sa-
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

MERRY Christmas.

UNION TOM to-night.

HANG up the stockings tonight.

FRESH oysters at Singleton's.

THUR., 38—Hoskins & Moore, dentists.

In all Decatur churches to-morrow special service will be held.

SAM SMITH, of Mt. Zion, was in Decatur to-day on business.

NEXT Friday night the Switchmen's ball will occur at Guards Armory.

CALL for the little Itse and Bonquet cigars. They are made by Joseph Michl and will please you.

We will not deceive you. Honest goods and prices the lowest.

ANTHONY & WEBB.

EXCELLENT groceries and fruits every day at John I. Hacks' store on South Water street.

THE place to get good groceries and fresh country butter is at Philip Kemp's store, 707 North Water street.

DR. A. S. WALKER has removed from 123 East Main to 345 North Main street, where he will be glad to see all his friends and patrons. 15-d&w2w

THE celebrated majestic play, "Paul Kaurar," will be given at the Grand Monday afternoon and night.

ALL trimmed hats and bonnets at greatly reduced prices for the next thirty days, at Sawyer & McCoy's. d5-d2w

DON'T forget the C. B. Prescott music store. There you will find superior violins, guitars, harps, and latest sheet music. See the elegant Haines Bros. pianos and Packard organs.

OTHERS in cans and bulk to-day. All kinds of dressed poultry and fresh fish. Pearl Oyster & Fish Co., 243 North Main street. Telephone 344. dt

THE 99-cent store's Santa Claus and his son were a great attraction on the street yesterday. The average small boy followed the pair voluntarily and with great rejoicing.

THE closing out sale of umbrellas at Cheap Charley's will be continued positively but one week. Don't miss this opportunity to secure a bargain. nov30 d&w1

INSTEAD of the usual services at the Presbyterian church to-morrow evening there will be an evening of Christmas songs, anthems, trios, duets, solos and hymns.

RECENTLY sets of harness were stolen from F. H. Bachman and Dr. Case Chapman. Yesterday Officer Miller found the Bachman harness in a second hand store on Front street.

THE up town office of the Decatur Coal company is at Armstrong Bros.' drug store in the Syndicate block; telephone 242. Send in orders. s8dt

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IN the circuit court Jeannette Crozier has filed a bill for a divorce from her husband, Winnie O. Crozier, on the ground of desertion. The couple were married in Decatur in 1885. The attorney for the complainant is David Hutchison.

LOOKING for Christmas? See A. D. Holland. He carries cigars at 75c to \$3 a box, cigar cases, fine pipes, snuff boxes, etc. Call on Holland, southwest corner Lincoln Square. d19-d1w

TOBACCO boxes, snuff boxes, pipes, cigar cases, a full line of tobacco and cigars, put up in boxes and cases, at A. D. Holland's popular store, southwest corner Lincoln Square. Remember your friends. d19-d1w

THE latest and prettiest song now being sung on the stage is entitled "The Indian Summer Time." It is by the popular author, Will L. Thompson, of East Liverpool, Ohio. The price is 40c. Send the author half price, and you will receive a copy.

SAMUEL MORTLAND, of the fire department, has returned from Lovington, where he attended the funeral of his cousin, S. W. Mortland, who died at the age of 44 years, leaving a widow and an adopted daughter. He was a member of Knights of Pythias, Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges.

Christmas Turkeys.

H. F. May & Bro., the grocers at 134 South Main street, are prepared to furnish the public generally with turkeys of any size or weight, live or dressed, in quantities to suit. Business men and manufacturers intending to remember their employees with turkeys for Christmas, can have orders for any number filled promptly by May & Bro. It will pay you to leave your orders with May & Bro. Call and see the big display for the holidays, 134 South Main street. 22-d4

Birthday Spoons

We offer 100 A. D. Coffee Spoons, in solid silver, at \$1.38 each. Each spoon is set with a one for some month. They make very pretty Christmas presents.

OTTO E. GERRIS & BRO.

TURNER SUITS.

Goods for the Regulation Turner Suits for boys and girls now on sale at Lina & Son's Dry Goods & Carpet Co.

THEY ARE KICKING.

Lincoln People Not Satisfied with Odd Fellows' Home Rules.

The good people of Lincoln are quite displeased with a set of proposed rules in the management of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' home, and say that if the home is to be conducted on the plan now proposed—a nursery for a few babies and a home for a few nice old ladies, the cash donated by the city of Lincoln must and shall be returned. Lincoln contributed her fund and the order at large over the state sanctioned the proposition—that it be made a home and school for all Odd Fellows' orphans until they reach man and womanhood's estates. Some way or other a few "big guns" have delegated to themselves the authority of dwarfing a promising charity into a pinch-penny affair. If no children over 12 years of age are to be admitted, the establishment will be closed, says the Courier, for Lincoln did not contribute \$20,000 to provide a home for two dozen children and three or four clever ladies. Our money was given to found a school and home, to lay the foundation for a home for indigent Odd Fellows and not a nursery for a limited number of children. We want every Lincolnian to be awake to demand that Lincoln's rights are protected as the investment has been an expensive one to our citizens.

"A Turkish Bath."

Winsome Marie Heath, the partier star of the musical comedy, "A Turkish Bath," that appears at the Powers Grand opera house, Wednesday, Dec. 28. E. H. McCoy, the manager, has a strong company in support of his star, prominent among which is Miss Fannie Durham, the celebrated soprano; James F. Greene, the artistic comedian and dancer, late of "Oh, What a Night;" Henry Vogel, leading baritone from "Ali Babo;" Frank Murphy, the famous Irish comedian; Jeppe and Fannie Delano, the refined society sketch artists; late of Tony Pastor's own company; Walter Dauphin, T. D. Miles, John Gurgun, W. A. Ba co, and last, but not least, Miss Frances Gray, the famous Spanish serpentine dancer. Marie Heath is fast pushing her way to the front rank of sopranos. Her work is entirely different from anyone else, and what lends great assistance is her wonderful singing, and, by the way, it is not generally understood, but it is a fact that she is a graduate of three of the leading musical colleges of America, her early intentions being to adopt the operatic stage, but she wisely gave up that idea and took up the line of work that she has made such a wonderful success with.

Losses by Fire

The Cerro Gurdo New Era of this week places the losses by the great \$7,000 fire in that town Tuesday night as follows:

Andrew Heminger owned the rooms occupied by Radcock & Merritt. This building was worth \$1200 and was insured for \$500.

John Marsch's building was worth about \$800, and was insured for \$500.

Radcock & Merritt's stock was valued at \$2,000 and had an insurance of \$1250. It is probable that enough goods were gotten out to make the figures about even.

A. C. Evans had just received his Christmas stock of candies and cigars and his stock was worth about \$900. It was insured for \$600.

Stevens Bros. had but lately bought the building they occupied. It and the fixtures that were destroyed were valued at about \$1500, although Charles Stevens said Wednesday morning that he would not have had his own building destroyed for \$3,500. The insurance amounted to \$1800.

Melvin Welby owned the restaurant building. It was valued at about \$450 and was insured for \$300.

The insurance companies involved are the German of Freeport, \$1500; the Rockford, \$500, and the Home, \$2400.

Uncle Hiram.

In Uncle Hiram a railroad train 200 feet long crosses the stage in ten seconds. It is a great piece of stage mechanism, though not more wonderful than the saw mill and steam boiler explosion in Act 2. A competent company, headed by Aaron H. Woodhull, and the sweet singer and dancer, Miss Troja Griswold, portray the various characters well. Uncle Hiram is a strong American play of the present times and its scenes are laid in New York City and the hills of Vermont. The company carries all its own scenery and will produce all at the opera house Saturday evening, Dec 31.

Holiday Palace Ticklers.

Fresh lobsters, turtle, shell, can and bulk oysters, wild geese, ducks, quail, rabbits, turkeys, geese, chickens, etc., mushrooms, olives, fresh and salt-water fish. Where else can you find such an assortment? Everything fresh and clean at the Pearl Oyster & Fish Co., No. 243 North Main street. Order now and avoid disappointment. Telephone 334. 21-d4

Card of Thanks

We desire to extend to our many friends, neighbors, and relatives our sincere thanks, who were so kind to us and our loved one during the long illness and sad bereavement, in the loss of our dear wife and mother. God bless you all. W. P. BUNTER AND FAMILY.

Out Flowers.

Parties wanting fresh flowers for the Christmas holidays can be promptly served by applying to Bommersbach, the florist. Out roses \$1.75 to \$2.50 per dozen; carnations, 75 cents to \$1.00; hyacinths, 50 cents to \$1.00. 22-9.*

HOLIDAY SALE

—AT—

JOHNSTON'S,

151 North Water Street.

Special Sale of Silks LINEN DEPARTMENT.
FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS.

98c

Choice of our elegant Black Silks that we usually sell at \$1.25, on sale this week at 98c. A good chance to get a nice dress.

\$1.87½

We place on sale choice of our line of \$1.50 Dress Silks at \$1.37½ a yard. Gros Grain, Peau de Soie, Faille, Armure, China and Surahs. The best goods in the city to-day at that value.

50c

See our nice, all wool, 40-inch wide Henriettas at 50c. Full line of colors.

95c

Buy any of our Silk Finish, 46 inches wide, Henriettas, worth from \$1 to \$1.25 a yd.

Special sale of Fine Linens, Bleached Table Linens in extra widths, at 50c, 60c, 75c and 90c.

See the lovely Table Sets (Cloths and Napkins to match) at \$2.75, \$3, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$6.50 and up to \$10 each.

Napkins at 50c, 75c, 90c, \$1 and up to \$3 a dozen.

Fancy Goodies

We call your attention to our line of Fancy Novelties, Work Boxes, Traveling Sets, Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Head Rests, Handkerchief Cases, and other things too numerous to mention.

We show a full line of

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For Ladies' and Children's wear.

OUR CLOAK DEPARTMENT

Is full of very handsome garments that we offer at cut prices to reduce the stock. Give us an opportunity to show you

Chas. T. Johnston.

"Honesty is the Best Policy."

THE TRUTH OF THE ABOVE MAXIM HAS BEEN MORE FORCIBLY THAN EVER PROVEN TO US DURING OUR

REMODELING SALE.

This is the first time during seventeen years of business in Decatur that we have advertised a sale of this kind, and as our sales for the present season have almost doubled those of any former season it proves to our mind that the people appreciate HONESTY AND SQUARE DEALING.

ONLY FOUR WEEKS MORE

To those who have not taken advantage of the sale we wish to say that the sale will close in about four weeks. Don't wait until it is too late. We would be pleased to show you through our stock as we have still some RARE BARGAINS to offer in Suits, Overcoats and Winter Underwear.

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ther of Mrs. Grant Goes to Meet His Old General.

ER, Dec. 24.—Gen. Frederick T. he distinguished soldier and in-law of U. S. Grant, died in yesterday of dropsy. He was old.

itting the interment will be at t Leavenworth military ceme-

nt had been in Dever for four years, rn in Missouri. In 1820, and received ment to West Point from that state, g with the class of 1843, he was second lieutenant of the sixth in- ly 1, 1843. He was given the rank in infantry March 3, 1846. During the of his service he was on the frontier odiana. He served with bravery in an war and was breveted first lieu- rust 30, 1846, for gallant and meritori- es in the battles of Contreras and o. In September, 1847, he was captain. He was seriously wounded tle of Molino del Rey. He served he civil war on the staff of Gen. th the rank of lieutenant colonel. 1865, he was breveted brigadier gen- was military secretary under Gen. n 1869 to 1873. He served with the or several years, and was retired at request in 1883, after serving forty rious branches of the United States

A B d Fire in Duluth.

ER, Dec. 24.—At 2:30 yesterday n there was an explosion in ment of the retail department hapin & Wells hardware store, shook the whole town. Im- ly after the explosion flames rning mass, and was entirely d; while the chamber of com- uilding adjoining had a close would surely have gone had do work of the fire department the fire's spread.

erguson block was owned by Massachusetts Investment Co., of and was valued at \$100,000; in- \$70,000. The Schiller-Hubart lease tobacco and cigars, loss nsurance, \$17,000. The Duluth, & Northern railroad loses all d survey minutes, and is prob- e heaviest real loser. There ny law offices in the building, mber of valuable law libraries o destroyed with but nominal e. The building was an old

Evicted Tenants' Commission.

N, Dec. 24.—The evicted ten- mission closed its sessions y. Justice Mathew, president ommittee, announced that he ling to receive further state- om the landlords and others upon the matters that the com- as appointed to report upon, that notice of such state- as given before December 31. is general opinion, even among that the labors of the council ulted in little if any benefit to ants who have been evicted ir holdings, and that its re- ll be a mere formality. hought that the government ask the house of commons to ant for the relief of the evicted which the commission will propose, but will evade a de- the house by drawing funds rom the land purchase com- for the compulsory purchase of of estates from obstinate land- h enough to make terms to nants to enable them to start ew.

Telegrapher's Strike.

o, Dec. 24.—A. D. Thurston, d chief of the Order of Rail- graphers, arrived in the city 'inton, Ia., yesterday. Mr. spent a great portion of the nsultation with Grand Chief nd the members of the com- His presence at this time has e to rumors that some new fea- l be developed in connection strike in a very few days. lay the committee received in- that some switchmen at on, Kan., had been dismissed they showed a disinclination orders from nonunion opera- e feeling exhibited by the dis- en is spreading among the body of trainmen, and may me extreme measures being

Irish Citizen Wants Release from the British Army.

IRISH, Pa., Dec. 24.—A letter o this city, county and state d over to Prothonotary Brad- rday. It was from John ' the second Leinster regi- p Aldershot, England. He t he is in the English army get away and being an Amer- n he wants to be claimed and e soon as possible. An inves- f the records shows that a at name was naturalized here e signatures on the papers e letter correspond. Copies citizenship papers were sent ight with directions to bring before the United States con- sider.

Workingmen's Demonstration.

, Dec. 24.—A great working- monstration in which thou- gas workers and dock men was held in this city last he authorities had expected demonstration would be at- th considerable disturbance, eordingly taken the precaut- btain troops from Aldershot, the exception of a few slight ith the police no disorder oc- a detachment of military e streets at a late hour. A lties are reported.

Death of Capt. John G. Baker.

Ala., Dec. 24.—Capt. John G. he United States revenue ma- e, commanding the cutter the gulf station, died yester- ng at Pass Christian, Miss. tis. He had been in the ser- government since 1831

Delaware Canal Closed

OWN, N. J., Dec. 24.—The canal was officially closed The last boat out was the iam R. Hammerly, for Phila-

A Ten-Year-Old Mystery Revealed at Last.

A DRUNKEN SAILOR'S FATAL MISTAKE

Costs an Honest Woman Her Life, While His Intended Victim Goes Free—The Story of a Mas- sachusetts Convict.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Certain facts have come to light which tend to show that Mrs. Harriet A. Bell, who was stabbed to death in the doorway of her house on Kirkland street, March 7, 1882, was killed by a sailor who mistook her for another woman, one of ill-repute who lived a few doors above, and who with a male companion had robbed and thrown the drunken sailor into the street early in the morning of the day of the murder. Mrs. Bell somewhat resembled the other woman in form and the doorways of their residences were alike, and the sailor may have easily made the mistake in his probably be- fogged condition.

It is supposed that the man slept in a doorway near by and waited to re- venge himself for the way he had been treated. Mrs. Bell had been to the baker's and was returning when the man crept up close behind her and en- tered the doorway with her. A passer- by who had seen the man following Mrs. Bell heard a scream from the doorway and saw the sailor come out and walk down the street.

The citizen, who did not know that Mrs. Bell had been killed, pointed the man out to two policemen telling them that he thought the man had assaulted a woman, but the police let him go, and Mrs. Bell's murderer has never been captured.

The facts about the robbery of the sailor came from the man who partici- pated in it. He was then wanted for highway robbery and did not dare to appear before the police with his story, as that meant his arrest for the old offense with the probable addition of a charge of robbing the sailor. He is now in the state prison. Mrs. Bell was a most respectable woman and public interest in the murder was intense.

Another Scene in the French Chamber of Deputies.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The scene in the chamber of deputies yesterday, when M. Millevoye interrupted the ministry regarding advances of money by the Panama Canal Co., was of the most stormy character. M. Millevoye said that he desired to question the govern- ment as to the facts in its possession, relating to the use of contributions by a former premier of the Panama Canal Co., whose criminal operations were now being investigated.

M. Ribot, in behalf of the govern- ment, said he accepted immediate dis- cussion of the subject.

President Floquet thereupon vacated the chair, M. Paytral taking his place, and ascended the tribune. There was a hush in the chamber as the former minister began his address of exculpa- tion, and every face was turned toward the speaker with the most eager inter- est.

M. Floquet repeated what he had al- ready said before the committee of in- vestigation. He repeated that while a member of the ministry he has never received money from the Panama Canal Co. for any purpose whatever, and he denied any improper purpose in the in- sertion of advertisements in the press.

Count Jules D. Berns, an ardent royalist, indulged in a violent attack on M. Floquet and denounced his con- duct in the alleged bribing of news- papers.

Levied Upon Assigned Assets.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 24.—Attor- neys for the Christian Moerlin Brewing Co., of Cincinnati, and for Teches & Co., of St. Louis, yesterday sued out writs of attachment against the stock of Freiburg, Klein & Co., wholesale liquor dealers, who recently assigned, and levied upon the assets of the firm in the hands of J. Bonnenbuhl, as- signee. The Moerlin claim is \$28,580 and Teches & Co.'s claim is \$3,000. The petitions for these writs allege fraudulent action.

Will Appeal to the American Courts.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Mr. Edward Parker Deacon's application for the guardianship of his daughter Gladys, who was recently placed in a convent at Neu- illa, was denied by the court, but he will be allowed to have the child every two days from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. The application was opposed by Mrs. Dea- con, and while the decision is a victory for Mr. Deacon, he will appeal to the American courts for the guardianship of his child.

The Carbon County Mandamus Case.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 24.—The su- preme court in full bench convened yesterday morning and gave notice that a decision in the Carbon county mandamus case would be handed down on Tuesday the 27th of Decem- ber. The court explained that the case involved the looking up of a large number of decisions and authorities and that the time had been too short to permit this.

Will Meet for a Final Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Frank Conley and Walter Halligan, the Brooklyn pugilists, will meet some time next week in a final fight with skin gloves for a \$500 purse, at 122 pounds. Con- ley has been a slight favorite in the few wagers recorded. He has the credit of knocking out Jimmy Lynch in two rounds, while Halligan was de- feated by Lynch in seven rounds.

A Young Negro Shot and Killed by a White Boy.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 24.—At Val- dosta, Thursday night, Lovett Renfoc, a white boy, aged 18, shot and killed Melford Boldin, colored, aged 18. They got into a row while firing off fire- works.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE.

The Price of Immunity from the Black Plague.

THE ASIATIC CHOLERA STILL ALIVE

And Gathering Strength for a New Battle in Europe—The Danger of Its Introduction Into This Country Imminent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Surgeon-General Wyman, of the Marine hospital service, yesterday, in answer to questions as to the danger of the reappearance of the cholera in the coming spring and summer, said: "There are at the present time two factors which render the situation with regard to cholera serious. One is the appearance of fresh cases of the disease in Hamburg, and the other is the continued prevalence of the disease in Russia. The cholera is by no means wiped out abroad, and the greatest care will have to be exercised to prevent its gaining a foothold on this side of the Atlantic. The speedy passage of a bill which shall give clearly defined powers to make precautionary regulations with sufficient authority to make them effective is extremely desirable. Information has been received that in spite of all that has been done to discourage emigration from the infected countries, particularly Russia, there are large numbers of emigrants from that country who are persistent in their efforts to reach the United States. The order for the expulsion of Jews from Russia, heretofore enforced in limited districts, is now enforced all over the empire. This means that a large number of emigrants from badly infected districts will try to reach the United States; and no one can view these matters without serious concern. It is inadvisable to create any unnecessary alarm in regard to the danger from cholera. I have great faith in the sanitary intelligence and ability to meet emergencies possessed by the people of the United States; but the facts have simply got to be faced and it is the part of ordinary wisdom to take precautions.

"There is danger," Dr. Wyman continued, in response to further questions, "of cholera reaching the United States from the island of Cuba, because of the close commercial intercourse between Cuba and Spain and other European ports."

There have been sundry intimations from time to time that it was the purpose of the treasury department to modify the stringent provisions of the circular of August 19, regarding the importation of rags. By the terms of this circular consular certificates of disinfection are required with all importations of rags from foreign ports and an absolute prohibition of the importation of rags from districts known to be infected with cholera is enjoined.

Dr. Wyman says: "There has been no intention of modifying this circular. A number of paper manufacturers who were here the other day for this purpose, had the position of the government in the matter made plain to them, and they went away satisfied that the regulations which had been made were necessary for the protection of the public health, and being American citizens themselves, they seemed to acquiesce in the views of the department.

Mr. Blaine Greatly Improved.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—"Mr. Blaine shows an improvement over his condition of yesterday," said Dr. Johnson to a reporter for the United Press last evening. When I saw him at 4 p. m., he was feeling unusually cheerful and everything seemed favorable for a quiet night.

Dr. Johnson's statement was confirmed by a personal visit to the Blaine residence where the lights were burning brilliantly throughout the house and the outward bearing of the servants was of a more cheerful nature than for a week past.

Inquiry at the door as to Mr. Blaine's condition brought forth the response that he seemed greatly improved.

Resigned to Restore Harmony.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The trouble in the local committee appointed to have charge of the arrangements of the inauguration of President-elect Cleveland culminated yesterday in the resignation of twenty-one of the democratic committeemen. The committee of fifty, with James Barrett as chairman, was appointed by Chairman Harrity of the national democratic committee. Chairman Barrett increased the committee by the addition of prominent citizens, including many republicans. The committee objected to the increase and the action yesterday was the result.

Counterfeiters Arrested.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Special Detective N. R. Harris wires from Stockton, Cal., that he arrested Thursday night there, J. C. Scott and R. A. Maddux, the former for passing counterfeit gold half-eagles, the other for having in his possession counterfeit gold half-eagles. One hundred and one of these coins were found in the possession of Maddux, who is a merchant in Porterville, Cal. The coins bear the date of 1886, are new in appearance, and are all struck from the same die.

Secretary Foster Will Resign.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary of State Foster will resign his portfolio before leaving for Paris, where he goes to act as agent for the United States before the Behring sea arbitrators, who are to meet February 23. As only three weeks will elapse between the secretary's departure and the end of the administration the vacancy will not be filled.

Hotels Burned.

INDIANA, Pa., Dec. 23.—The American and Thomas hotels were burned to the ground this afternoon. Loss, \$150,000.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

—J. M. Fisk, a director of the American change bank of New York, died suddenly of an attack of apoplexy at his residence in New York city yesterday morning.

—The cholera is increasing in the province of Lublin, in Russian Poland, adjoining the Prussian border, and many of the people are dying from the cholera-stricken districts.

John Roper, Walt King and Rubo Cook, men who robbed the express and mail on the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia road near Piedmont have been captured.

—The Chicago express on the Santa Fe which left Denver, Col., at 11:30 Thursday night, was wrecked at Prins station, six miles north of Colorado Springs, at 2 a. yesterday.

—In consequence of the statements made for the Panama investigating committee M. Floquet, president of the chamber of deputies, he will be advised to resign his position in the chamber.

—The authorities of London have instituted a prosecution against Dr. Robert Graham for a certificate of death in the case of Edith Clover, for whose murder Thomas Cream was executed.

—A serious collision of freight trains occurred on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton about 1 a. m. yesterday, between Disbier Bellevue, O., resulting in the death of R. Dammann, of Lima, and the smashing of a thirty cars.

—Badgers' hotel, the well-known stop place for road men and bicyclists going to from Brooklyn, to Coney Island, and was located at the southern exit of Prospect park, was destroyed by fire at 4 a. m., yesterday. Loss, \$30,000.

—The removal of an old feud over the location of a county road near Snohomish, Wash., resulted, Thursday afternoon, in the murder of two well-to-do farmers named Foulkes Smith, by two boys, 14 and 15 years of age named John Livingston and Robinson.

—A conference between M. Ribot, the premier; M. Bourgeois, minister of justice and M. Loubet, minister of the interior, held in Paris, yesterday, with the result orders were issued to the police to make arrests of people connected with the Panama scandal.

—The discontent that has been prevailing among the dock laborers at Havre for a considerable time past, culminated in a general strike yesterday. Some trouble was experienced in loading and discharging vessels. It is thought that plenty of men will be available to take the strikers' places.

—Two new cases of undoubted Asiatic cholera have been reported in Hamburg, and of the patients who had previously been moved to the hospital died yesterday. A great feeling of uneasiness exists, and with approach of warm weather an exodus of wealthier classes is looked for.

CITY TREASURER FOERSTEL

To be Cited to Appear Before the Council for Trial.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Charges of negligence and failure to perform his duty were preferred against Michael Foerstel, the suspended city treasurer of St. Louis, by the city council in its session last night. Impeachment proceedings were ordered and Mr. Foerstel will be served with notice to appear for trial next Saturday night when the council will sit in extraordinary session to hear reasons why he should not be removed from his office.

PEDESTRIANISM.

The Score in the Six Days' Walk Match at Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—In the great days' pedestrian contest now in progress at the Natatorium, the score at 6 o'clock this morning stood:

Goswami	378	Campbell	3
Moore	375	Hart	3
Hagelmann	363	Palmer	2
Black	260	Conner	2
Golden	245	Huffman	2

Kansas Election Cases.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 24.—The case against the five republicans elected to the lower house of the legislature mentioned in these dispatches recently to be brought by the populists to the supreme court in the shape of a mandamus proceeding.

The court to-day passed upon the case, that from Haskell county, which Stubbs, republican, was given certificate of election by mistake. Figures show the election of Rosent populists.

The court ordered the canvass board to reconvene and rectify the error, or to show cause, January 8, if it does not obey the court's mandate.

The other four cases will be passed upon probably to-day. The populists have determined to bring other suits against the five republican postmen who were elected to the lower house.

The basis of the suits is that provided in the state constitution which forbids the election to more than one public office of one man. The republicans hope to meet these suits by inducing the five member-elect to resign their federal positions.

A Great Snowstorm in the Northwest.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—The snow storm which has been prevailing in the Pacific northwest for the past twenty-eight hours ceased this morning. The storm has been the most violent in the local history. Its coming was unexpected that the street rail companies were not prepared for it and all lines are blocked. The transcontinental lines have been successful in keeping their lines clear thus far.

The Northern Pacific passenger train at 7:20 this morning arrived four hours late. The Southern Pacific overland and Union Pacific fast mail had been reached at 10 a. m.

River traffic is threatened by probable freezing over of the Colorado river. Reports from eastern Oregon are to the effect that great loss of stock is likely to result. Should a warm fall great damage is likely to result from high water. A number of fire buildings have collapsed from weight of the snow.

Associate Justice Lamar.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—Associate Justice Lamar left Atlanta yesterday afternoon for Macon, where he spends the holidays with his family. He is somewhat improved in health, but is still far from being a well man. His condition is not as favorable, as to create any alarm at least for the present.

Eleven Men Injured by Falling Porch.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 24.—The supports in the roof of the Passenger Railway Co., on Baltimore street, corner of East street, fell yesterday afternoon and eleven men were injured. One man will probably die.

GRAND OPENING SALE of HOLIDAY GOODS

EVERY Department in our vast establishment is filled to overflowing with all the richest Novelties that the markets of the world afford in the line of Fine Dry Goods and Fancy Goods and at LOWER PRICES than inferior classes of goods are offered elsewhere. We herewith mention a few of the THOUSANDS of useful and sensible articles to be found in our store suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS:

Ladies' and Children's Cloaks of the finest materials and workmanship.
Beautiful Dress Goods and French Pattern Dresses.
Broche, Cashmere, and Velvet Shawls.
Golden Rule Silk Dress Patterns.
Chiffon, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs for Gents, Ladies and Children.
Nottingham, Irish Points, Brussels and Tambour Lace Curtains.
Bissel's Improved Carpet Sweepers.
Boston Shopping Bags, the newest.
Fur Muffs and Boas, or Collars.
Felt Covers and Lambrequins.
Infants' and Children's Headwear.
Ladies' Wool, Silk and Chenille Fascinators.
Silk Umbrellas, 26 and 28 inches.

Lisle, Silk, Wool and Cotton Hosiery for Ladies, Gents and Children.
Fine Wool and Merino Underwear.
Centemeri Kid Gloves.
Gents' Neckwear and Suspenders.
Fine Hemstitched Damask Table Sets.
Chenille Portiers and Table Covers.
Cashmere and Silk Mufflers.
Silk Throws and Tidies, China Silk Cushions and Head Rests.
Celluloid Glove and Handkerchief Novelties.
Infants' Kid Boots.
Latest designs in Jewelry.
Toilet and Shaving Boxes.
Silverwear for Children.

Special Inducements will be offered for the next two weeks in LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S CLOAKS.

Owing to the continued mild weather during November, we find that we have more fine garments on hand than we usually carry at this season of the year, and to effect a speedy clearance we have marked them all at such LOW PRICES that will insure their sale during this month. Ladies intending to purchase a cloak should not miss this opportunity of securing a valuable bargain.

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DRY GOODS & CARPET COMPANY.

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The Celebrated "Centemeri"
KID GLOVES,
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237 North Main Street.

For the next 30 days we will offer our entire line of

Gas Fixtures,
Electric Fixtures,
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High Art Glassware, etc.,

At extremely low prices.

Why not consider a beautiful designed fixture for a Christmas present?

We would be pleased to have the public call and inspect our goods.

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Sales of Real Estate.
James Disney to Frank A. D. Emery, 6.44 acres in the southeast quarter of 26, 16 1 west—\$262.
J. A. Young to I. A. Buckingham and C. E. Schroll, lot 9, block 6, B. H. Cassell's 1st addition to Decatur—\$1.
Abram Greenfield to Wm. M. Greenfield, 70 feet off the west side of lot 4, block 1, 8 E. Smith's resurvey in Mt. Zion—\$500.
L. L. Johnson to Edward B. Johnson, deed to lot 10, block 1, Enterprise addition—\$300.
John Ribbet to B. F. Cloud, deed to the east half of the southeast quarter of 33, 15 3 east—\$500.
H. C. Barrington to Mary T. McMillin, deed to lot 19, block 3, Montgomery & Shull's second addition—\$1800.
Martha A. Davis et al. to Louise M. Gay, deed to a strip of ground 65 feet wide, extending east and west across all of block 3, Oglesby's addition—\$4500.
L. C. Shackel to Louise M. Gay, quit claim to premises at 525 North Church street, frontage 65 feet—\$2.00.

Just Arrived from Africa Yesterday
Six large monkeys. They can be seen in connection with the rest of the wild and rare animals at William Thompson's show, 754 East Eldorado street. This is positively their last week. Bring the little ones to have a good laugh. Admission, 10 cents. 22-3d

Lost
Somewhere in Decatur to-day (Dec. 22) a roll of bills, \$30 in amount, in \$50, \$20 and \$10 bills. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the money at the REPUBLICAN office for the owner. 22-62* E. J. DIVAN.

For Sale
305 Acres well-ditched land joining city of Mattoon, for only \$75.00 per acre. Also 200 acres, well-improved, near Humboldt. A. B. ALLISON, over First National Bank, Mattoon, Ill.
P. S.—Write for descriptive circular de 23-26-w1*

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THE BEST MADE.

Lytle & Eckels Hardware Co.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE
MATINEES AND NIGHT.
SATURDAY, DEC. 24.

A \$20,000 PRODUCTION
ED. F. DAVIS'
Magnificent scenic production of the original dramatization of Mrs. Stowe's immortal novel.
Uncle Tom's Cabin.
40 People,
3 Palace Cars,
20 Ponies, Donkeys and Burros,
8 Original Plantation
Fables Singers
Pack Man-Eating Siberian Blood Hounds
Including AJAX, the \$5,000 champion beauty.
Mrs. Golden Charlotte, costumed \$3,000.
Uncle Tom and his typical Southern Ox cart.
2 BANDS OF MUSIC.
All this in our Grand Free Street display, the sight of a lifetime. Don't miss it.
Matinee Prices. Children, 25c Adults, 50c
Night. 25c, 50c and 75c
The sale of seats will begin Thursday morning, December 22, at the Opera House Drug Store.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE
ONE NIGHT OF FUN,
Wednesday, December 28th.

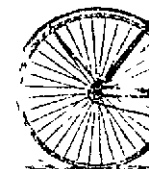
THE LITTLE SUNBEAM,
MARIE HEATH,
And her company of jolly players in that delightful musical comedy,
A Turkish Bath.
Frank Murphy,
The original "McGee."
Henry Vogel,
Comedian and serious from "Ah Sahn."
James P. Greco,
The celebrated singer, dancer and comedian.
Fannie Derham,
The famous soprano and dancer.
Jeppie and Fannie Delano,
The refined society sketch artists, late of Tony Pastor's Co. E. D. Miles, Walter Daughlin, John Gurganov, W. A. Busco, E. H. Massey.
MISS FRANCES GRAY,
In the Sensational,
SERPENTINE DANCE.
Prices—25, 50 and 75 Cents.
Sale of seats will begin Monday morning, Dec. 24, at the Grand Opera House drug store.

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Our Terms from December 14, 1892.

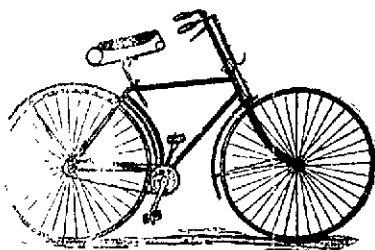
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Discount on Every Dollar's Worth Bought of Us.

"Quick Sales, Small Profits and the Ready Cash," our Motto.

Our stock is Complete in Fine Foreign and Domestic PIECE
GOODS, for Suits, Pants and Overcoats, made to order by the best
killed mechanics that money will hire. In Hats, Caps, Underwear
Shirts, Hosiery, Gloves, Umbrellas, Valises, Traveling Bags, and
Fine Neckwear, selected especially for the Holiday trade, WE
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139 East Main Street.



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At Cost!

Now is the time to buy a Wheel Cheap.
They will be sold at the following prices:

	LIST.	NET.
Warwick Perfection Gents' Cashion Tires.....	\$135.00	\$108.00
Warwick Perfection Ladies' Cashion Tires.....	135.00	108.00
Special Singer's Perfection Gents' Cashion Tires.....	135.00	120.00
Special Singer's Perfection Ladies' Cashion Tires.....	135.00	120.00
Special Singer's Apollo.....	125.00	110.00
Combination Rover Ladies and Gents Solid Tires.....	135.00	100.00
Idol Rambler... Ladies 26 Solid Tires.....	65.00	48.00
Rush (1891) Tangent Spokes 30 Gents Solid Tires.....	100.00	66.00
Rush (1890) Straight Spokes 30 Gents Solid Tires.....	100.00	60.00
Eolipse Tangent Spokes 30 Gents Solid Tires.....	100.00	70.00
Escort, Tangent Spokes 30 Gents Cashion Tires.....	90.00	63.00
Groscent, Direct Spokes, 30 Cashion Tires.....	80.00	58.00
Juno, Direct Spokes, 28 Pneumatic Tire.....	90.00	67.50
Juno, Direct Spokes, 28 Cashion Tire.....	75.00	52.50
Rob Roy, No. 4, direct spokes, 28 Pneumatic Tire.....	90.00	67.50
Rob Roy, 2 " direct spokes, 26 Cashion Tire.....	40.00	45.00
Cinch 2 direct spokes, 24 Cashion Tire.....	40.00	32.00
Combination Junior, 24 Cashion Tires.....	40.00	30.00
Combination Junior, 24 Solid.....	26.00	24.50
Boys' Junior, 24 Solid.....	25.00	17.50
Pot, 20 Solid.....	20.00	14.00
Albatross Ball Bearing 26 Solid, Ladies' and Gents'.....	50.00	35.00
Petrol, cone 26 Solid, Ladies' and Gents'.....	40.00	28.00

The above Bicycles are all New Goods and must be sold. Send for Catalogue.

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Decatur is always at the front, in Building, in Art,
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choice books, both in contents and illustrations been
seen. Publishers have vied with each other till results
in bindings, contents and illustrations are wonderful,
both in sets and single volumes, in books that cost little
much.

J. H. BEVANS,

—AT THE—

CITY BOOK STORE,

Knowing how cheap and beautiful and desirable, as
gift, books are, has filled his store with them to over-
flowing. They were bought from the publishers, bought
cheap, and are selling cheap. GO AND SEE THEM.

Savings Fund Building Association.

The 23d series of the capital stock is now being issued
the office of the Association, No. 124 North Water street.
The first four series have matured and been paid off, and the
5th series will mature this winter. Payments 50 cents per
share, commencing the last Wednesday in November. In-
terest paid on stock withdrawn before maturity. Own your
share. Do not pay rent, but join a building association.

H. W. BARTHOLOMEW, President.
H. A. WOOD, Vice President.

J. K. DUFFEE, Secretary.

Nov 11-1890

DAILY REPUBLICAN.

* FLOUR *

60c Per Sack.

Yes, you can buy a fifty pound sack of
Flour for sixty cents. But don't expect
to get the best. Pillsbury's Best is the
best, and you don't get the best unless
you buy this brand. The Best is the
cheapest. You will always find The
Best at

+ CLOYD'S, +
144 East Main St.

SATURDAY EVE., DEC. 24, 1892.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

DRUG & BOX, tailors.

Xmas goods of all kinds at Anthony &
Webb's.

SKATING is said to be good on the
river.

SMOKE the old reliable K. & W. cigars
merchandise

THERE will be no services at the Uni-
versalist church Sunday evening

LATEST games at Robinson's Book
store, corner of Water and East Main
streets. 14-d2w

If you want your pictures framed,
bring them to Jos. Grass, 308 N. Water
St., next to the 99 ct. store. d17-d2w.

Xmas gloves, mitts, handkerchiefs and
fancy goods for ladies and gents.

ANTHONY & WEBB.

Buy Xmas presents to-day at Robin-
son's Corner Book Store. The latest
novelties in stock. Corner Water and
Main. 3-d3w

THE up-town office of the Decatur
Coal company has been moved to No.
250 North Main street, Syndicate Block
with Armstrong Bros. d6t

LARGEST line of Picture Mouldings in
the city, at the lowest prices, at 308 N.
Water street, next to 99c store. d17-2w

JOHN YOUNG, at the REPUBLICAN office
is the Decatur agent for the Remington
typewriter. Call for catalogues and
prices. d1t

BISSELL'S CARPET SWEEPERS—the new-
est improved patterns, and the most re-
liable sweepers in the market—for sale at
Linn & Scruggs' Dry Goods & Carpet
Co's. d&w

STEP into the Syndicate block and see
May & Churchoffman, the grocers, in their
new location. They have one of the
neatest stores in the city. apr-d1t

HIGH-PRICED competitors disregard a
well-established law of physics when
they back against Salvation Oil. It is
the best and cheapest. 25c.

If you want a fine cloth at 25 per
cent. less than any cheap John store are
quoting, call on Jos. Grass, 308 North
Water st., next to 99 ct. store. d17-d2w.

THE Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.
have the best cleaning compound for
cleaning and polishing wood, metallic or
enamel surfaces. For polishing frames
it has no equal. nov-811m

FRONT your eyes on the diamonds and
Christmas goods in the show window at
Harptrite's jewelry store, east of the
postoffice on Prairie street. All beauties
20d1w

THIS week E. J. Harptrite is making
a special display of diamonds and no-
velties in jewelry, at his store east of the
postoffice. Step in and learn the low
prices for the holidays. 20d1w

R. H. PATON, 613 Walton Ave., N. Y.
City, writes: "I have used Dr. Bull's
Cough Syrup for years and find it the
most efficacious remedy for coughs, colds
and laryngitis I have ever tried."

THE 25th installation of Comrade
Thomas G. Hawler, as commander of
Post 1, G. A. B. at Rockford, Ill., will
be celebrated on Jan. 11th. Hon. W. G.
Cochran has received an invitation to be
present.

CHARLES LAUX has concluded to add
a private dining room to the St. Nicho-
las. It will be a permanent arrange-
ment. It will be in demand by stars of
show companies, weddings and private
parties.

DECATUR people and visitors will find
a beautiful line of handsome and sub-
stantial steamer and traveling trunks of
various designs, at low prices, at the De-
catur Trunk and Box factory, No. 300
North Water street. Look at the goods
and you will buy. d13-d3w

GENTLEMEN'S \$6 Patent Leather
Shoes, Spring styles, \$3.50, at
Powers' Shoe Store.

Dec 21-d&wt

CHARLES LAUX is doing the Santa Claus
act this year himself. With his own
money he has bought and decked a
Christmas tree in his room at the St.
Nicholas hotel, and on Monday he will
bring in his companions and friends and
see that they are made happy.

ABEL'S Carpet House closes up the
year's business with a remnant sale.
Everything goes—Carpets, Oil Cloths,
Mattings, Linoleums, Lace Curtains,
Wall Paper, Room Mouldings and Piece
Goods. This will be the best opportu-
nity Decatur people ever had for bar-
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Not Alone For the Rich Folks.

Yesterday's Chicago Journal.

Children stood near the Hay-nument, in West Randolph morning gazing with wistful the farmers' turkey-laden. They were ill-clad and un-their shoes were memories, but their eyes spoke vol-their lips parted with some-pectation.

"quavered the smallest of on the crowd, thicker than forced them against the great, bushy-haired farmer,—so made Christmas?"

She clasped her tiny dirt-ids and dropped her eyes study and said:

"folks, I suppose—leastways th' rich folks has any fun on

He drew up her baby shoulders, her feet, and flourished her nobody knows what she ve done if the bush-headed 't caught a glimpse of the just at that moment and ex-

What's up? The young un

"young un" had no fit, and e preparing to flee when the d them back. And he didn't ick for nothing, either. His , and his heart was good, and ry inch a man, even if he n the city.

Children went away presently, but rent a turkey with them, and almost disheartened mother a forgotten luxury for her ristmas.

"Paul Kauvar."

av's terrifying dreams o' painted in vivid and shocking e play, though fraught with sion and casting a pall of the heart, holds the mirror so to nature that it challenges at the same time that its ns and oppresses. Simple ing, interesting in story, action, presenting well-con- clearly-defined characters in relation to one another and a vigorous and steady dra- ment that increases in force till it reaches a startling a beautiful culmination. The feet of the drama is to dis- triotism from mob violence ting in action lofty themes, of heroic men and women, he loftiest patriotism and en- the awful circumstances of lion. It is a vivid picture of outlous times of the French d in addition to its great ituations, has a beautiful omance. It will be seen at opera house Christmas Day, o. 26th, for two performances.

Weather in January.

Bicks, the weather prophet, ollowing weather predictions th of January:
5th storms of rain, sleet and us from Dec. 28th, and Mer- n. 4th will combine for the epare for blizzards North; and rain South. A bitter oll appear behind the storms t 8th and 9th. On and near temperature will raise and rn, followed by great cold. West about 13th, culminat- winter storms from 14th to epared. A cold wave, wide s, will spread south and east, xt period, except, possibly, emperature, with storms on the 20th. From 24th to 27th urn of rain and snow, and, days of warmer weather, for freezing up to about 31st. whole, January will be very ying. Be ready for it. Re-ir stock.

School Literary Society.

School Literary society had eeting last night at which a large attendance of the the young men who are the The following program was

s Aldyth Irwin and Emma Clark. Emma Fahmeyer.
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"My Boy Jacob," Charles Miller, Ernest Lytle.
Our Gorman and Fred Depew.
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e, Fliny J. Smith and Her- m; negative, Charles Bum- Frank Dixon. The judges ters and Miss Stafford of the l faculty and Lon Tattle of ity of Michigan. The dec- favor of the affirmative.

Out of Jail.

own, who was arrested a few n a bench warrant, charging ng the boss of a bad house, l near the Union depot, was n the custody of Sheriff Perl e bond for Laura's appear- e January term of court is uncle, W. J. Tulley, became an, and now Miss Brown will tle to get her own Christmas ad she been content to re- the sheriff would have pro- rkey.

Several Elections Held Last Night by Various Societies.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Decatur lodge No. 687, elected officers last night as follows:

Past Dictator—J. M. Bower.
Dictator—James Freeman.
Assistant Dictator—J. N. Baker.
Vice Dictator—W. H. Starr.
Reporter—William Towling.
Financial Reporter—N. L. Krone.
Treasurer—R. P. Lytle.
Captain—D. H. Heriman.
Guide—John Alloways.
Gnadian—F. T. Roberts.
Sentinel—O. Z. Greene.
Trustees—John Irwin, H. A. Wood, John Lytle.

NATIONAL UNION.

The National Union had a big meeting last night with a good attendance. It was shown that the membership had been doubled in the last year. These officers were elected:

President—W. R. Buckmaster.
Vice President—Dr. J. M. Blythe.
Ex-president—W. R. Bresie.
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Deputy—P. F. Carroll.
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EASTERN STAR.

New officers were elected last night by the Order of Eastern Star as follows:

W. M.—Mrs. Sallie A. Orchard.
W. P.—M. C. Herman.
A. M.—Mrs. Mame G. Allen.
Secretary—Mrs. Sallie J. Steele.
Treasurer—Mrs. L. Busher.
Conductress—Miss Mina Nicholson.
A. C.—Miss Carlotta Adams.

MODERN WOODMAN.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year by Decatur camp, 144, M. W. of A., last night:

Venerable Consul—G. W. Roberts.
Worthy Advisor—T. H. Vent.
Banker—A. F. Ross.
Clerk—G. P. Lewis.
Escort—William G. Orane.
Watchman—D. E. Baucum.
Sentinel—J. A. Reeve.
Camp Physicians—Dr. A. L. Collins, Dr. H. M. Wood.
Manager—Albert Leach.
Delegate to State Camp—Dr. A. L. Collins.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES.

Make Your Purchases at A. J. Wood's Store on Merchant Street.

You will want pure candies for the children and friends for Christmas morn-ing, and will not desire to make any mistakes. There will be no risk taken if you make purchases at A. J. Wood's confectionery on Merchant street. Mr. Wood's leading specialty is pure confec-tions, and he has a great variety of the finest sweets from which to make selec-tions. He does not carry the cheapest goods but the best. Fancy, plain and mixed candies, put up in neat packages and boxes. The cases and trays are full of goods, and courteous attendants are ever ready to serve the public. Prices are reasonable. A large part of the candies is of Wood's own manufacture. Get the best at Wood's. Call early and leave orders.

The Modern Santa Claus.

To-morrow, Sunday, is Christmas, a day looked forward to with much antici-pation by the little folks. In many homes the head of the family is the genial Santa, for although the presents are given by the different members of the family, he toots the bells. In ancient times the head of the family would at-tire himself in a rig of long coat, whiskers, and appear on the scene much to the delight of the children. But this costume has almost disappeared. The modern Santa arises early, attires himself in a neat dress suit, wishes everyone a merry Christmas, and with his family starts off to church to attend the services, ar-ranged especially for the day. Now there are some homes in which this is not done. But there is only one thing lack-ing and that is the proper clothing. But this barrier can be removed in a jiffy by calling on Ed. Denz & Son and leaving your order for a suit of clothing that is proper in style, cut and finish, and then you can play Santa Claus to your heart's content. We wish you a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

We Have By Far the Largest line of fine Holiday Slippers in the city for gents' and ladies' wear, comprising all the novelties in "Russia," "Tan Goat," "Goat," "Ome," "Alligator," "Morocco" and "Patent Leather," in most all colors as well as a full line of Embroider, Vel-vet and Plush Slippers. Call early. (Open Evenings.) WALTER HUXSON, 117 North Water St., Sign of Big Shoe. dec17-d5*1

Thankful Cerro Gordo.

Cerro Gordo is thankful to the Wa-bash officials for their kindness and willingness to send a special train here Tuesday night and also to the Decatur fire department for the prompt way in which it responded to her call for aid.—New Era.

Plenty of Them.

Our great Dinner Set sale is the "talk of the town." We have plenty of them \$5.40, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7, \$7.50 and \$8. No humbug in our 100 piece sets.

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW.

Lowest prices for sign work. 308 N. Water St., next to 99 ct. store. 417-d2w

The World is Better for It.
The world is better because of such a remedy as Ballard's Snow Liniment, because this article relieves it of much pain and misery, and thus we are enabled to enjoy its bright side. It positively cures all forms of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, H-ache, Sick Headache, Lame Back, all Sores and Wounds, Cuts, Sprains, Bruises, Stiff Joints, Contracted Muscles, Poison, Eruptions, Corns, Weak Back, and all pain and inflammation on man or beast. Its the best because its the most penetrating. Beware of all white Liniments, which may be palmed off on you for Ballard's Snow Liniment. There is none like it. Sold by Swearingen & Tyler.
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The resignation by Dr. William A. Grifflin of the pastorate of the Shawmut church in Boston, has finally been accepted; but he will continue to supply the pulpit for a few months.

2,228,672.
These figures represent the number of bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which were sold in the United States from March, '91 to March '92. Two Million, Two Hundred and Twenty Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-Two bottles sold in one year, and each and every bottle sold on a positive guarantee that money would be refunded if satisfactory results did not follow its use. The secret of its success is plain. It never disappoints, and can always be depended on as the very best remedy for Coughs, Colds, etc. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. For sale at King & Wood's drug store.

A wedding notice in a Maine paper the other day ended with the words, "No cards, no cake, no dry business."

A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man.
Are you Bilious, Constipated, or troubled with Jaundice, Sick Headache, Bad Taste in Mouth, Foul Breath, Coated Tongue, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Hot Dry Skin, Pain in Back and between the Shoulders, Chills and Fever, &c. If you have any of these symptoms, your Liver is out of order and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your Liver does not act properly. HERRICK will cure any disorder of the Liver, Stomach or Bowels. It has no equal as a Liver medicine. Price 75 cents. Free trial bottles at Swearingen & Tyler's.
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ITALY has her Crispi and we have our Crisp, but it is getting to be Crisp-y here, too.

Strength is Health.
If you are not feeling strong and healthy, try Electric Bitters. If La Grippe has left you weak and weary, use Electric Bitters. This remedy acts directly on Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, gently aiding those organs to perform their functions. If you are afflicted with Sick Headache, you will find speedy and permanent relief by taking Electric Bitters. One trial will convince you that this is the remedy you need. Large bottles only 50c, at King & Wood's drug store.

MRS. ELLEN RICHARDS has invented a new word—ekology—to stand for domestic science. She has taken out no patent upon it.

MILD BUT PLEASANT.

This is the general verdict with all who use the Laxative Gum Drops. It is well known that many diseases, especially fevers and nervous troubles, begin with indigestion. When the stomach and bowels are clogged with material that ought to pass off, the absorbents make an effort to remove it. The result is that much of it is taken into the blood and the whole source of life current is thus poisoned. The Laxative Gum Drops restore the proper action to the digestive organs and thus enable the system to throw off this waste material. When this is done the system soon recovers its normal tone. The chief benefit of these gum drops is that they can be taken without any feeling of medicine for there is no bad taste about them, nor do they cause griping. In fact, many people are restored to health without ever knowing that they have taken medicine at all. Get them of any druggist. The small boxes are ten cents, the large ones twenty-five cents.
SYLVAN REMEDY CO.,
Peoria Ill.

Wood Pumps, Chain Pumps, Iron Force Pumps, for sale at Spencer & Lehnman's.

Appropriate Xmas Presents.

Handsome Silk Dress Patterns.
Nice Imported Suit Patterns.
Navy Myrtle Seal Storm Serge Dress Patterns.
French Cord Dress Patterns.
Cheviot Dress Patterns.
Nice Muffs, Handsome Fur Capes, Fur Collars, Children's pretty Fur Sets, in Chinchilla, Thibet and Angora.
Full line of Fancy Linens, Handkerchiefs, Scarfs, Lunch Cloths, Laundry Bags, Etc.
Beautiful goods at reasonable prices. Examination solicited.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,
151 East Main Street.

WHAT DO YOU WISH?
Something Nice for Christmas? Well, You can find a Host of Things, SUCH AS
All kinds of Rockers, Rugs, Carpets, Carpet Sweepers, Portier and Lace Curtains, Fancy Cabinets, Book Cases, Pictures, Easels, Lamps, Lamp Stands, Center Tables, Folding Beds, Hall Trees, Bedroom Suits, Sideboards, Parlor Suits, and thousands of other useful articles with which to furnish a house, at
G. W. SCOVILL'S.

Our Special Chair Sale Is Over.

That the prices were right is fully established by the number we sold, and while our sales far exceeded our expectations, we still have a complete assortment of Chairs of all kinds also a full line of

Book-Cases, Writing Desks, Fancy Cabinets, Center Tables,

And many other Christmas Novelties, that we will offer you at prices that will certainly meet with your approval.

Remember that our prices are always the Lowest on all kinds of Furniture and Stoves. Come and see us before buying.

BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO.,
240, 244, 248, East Main Street.

THE FAIR.

Cheapest Place in Decatur for Your Holiday Supplies.

Thousands of Articles Suitable for Both Young and Old. Every Article Must be Sold, as we Never Carry Over any Stock.


THIS HANDSOME "SH REFLY" ONLY 75c.



BOY'S WAGON, Good and Strong, 75c
STEEL WAGONS 98c, \$1.25, \$1.65.



HBOBY HORSES, 98c, \$1.25 Up



Desks, 88c, \$1.25 and \$1.50.
Chairs, 25c, 40c and 50c up.
Benches, 25c, 40c and 50c.
Tool Chests, 25c, 65c, 98c, \$1.18.
Dresses, 25c, 50c and 80c.
Dolls—Any price you want.

Curtains, 10c, 20c.
Wheelbarrows, 25c, 35c and 50c.
Toy Pails, 8c, 10c and 25c.
Don't buy a dollar's worth until you come and see our stock—we can please you.

The Old Reliable Bargain Place of Decatur,
WEAVER & LEWIS,---THE FAIR
Santa Claus' Headquarters.

WHITE LOAF

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CAN'T BE BEATEN.

Chancery Notice.
STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
MAON COUNTY.
In the Circuit Court to the January Term, A. D. 1892.
Jacob Houser vs. Catherine Houser et al—No. 14086.
To John Houser, Lida Houser, George W. Houser and Margaret M. Houser:
You are hereby notified that there is a certain suit now pending and undetermined in the Circuit Court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, on the chancery side of said court, wherein Jacob Houser is complainant, and Catherine Houser, Adeline Houser, George W. Houser, John Houser, Martha Miller, Matilda Weigel, Samuel E. Houser, Ida Houser, Margaret M. Houser, Samuel H. Miller, James Schull, William F. Weigel and Sarah M. Houser are defendants, and that summons is issued in said cause returnable at the court house in Decatur in said county of Macon on the second day of January next, to-wit: January 2nd, 1892, when and where you can appear and plead, answer or demur to the bill of complaint in said cause.
Dated this 26th day of November A. D. 1892.
E. MCCELLAN, Clerk.
KELLY & PAGAN and BURN & PARK, Complainants' Solicitors.

Chancery Notice.
STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
MAON COUNTY.
In the Circuit Court, to the January Term, A. D., 1892.
Sadie F. Godier vs. Willis J. Godier—Bill for Divorce.
Affidavit of the non-residence in this state of the said Willis J. Godier, the defendant in the above-entitled cause, having been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, notice is hereby given to the said Willis J. Godier that the above named complainant J. Godier has filed her bill of complaint in said Court, on the Chancery side thereof, which said bill is still pending, and that a summons thereupon is issued out of said Court against the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the next January term of said court to be held in Decatur, in said County, on the second day of January, in said County, on the second day of January, A. D. 1892. Now, unless you, the said Willis J. Godier, shall be and appear on the first day of said term of said court, and plead, answer or demur to the said bill of complaint, the same shall be taken as true, and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.
Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 26th day of November, 1892.
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For Rent, Wanted, Etc.

This column, of five lines or less, is published one week for 25 cents, payable in advance.

FOR RENT: A fine new modern house in East North street; 4 rooms. **JOHN A. BROWN.**

—Three, steady boy, about 15 years old, the plumbing or gas-fitting work. He needs only a few days' training. **H. MUELLER PLUMBING & CO.**

FOR SALE: I have a lot of new Redwin apples in barrels, at 10¢ a bushel. **G. S. Duffee & Bro., 100 N. Main.** All sound and good. Apply early.

—A reliable, active man to take of an express wagon; must have good freight bills and a license. A man to manage a day. Apply to **W. L. LEE'S** livery stable on North Jackson.

—A 5-foot front lot on West Franklin, with room house, good cellar, bath, closet and gas, hydrant, well and good barn for less money than the lot. **W. S. CAMPBELL & CO., 107 East 10th.**

—The Hog Ring building, corner Main and Church streets. The building is strong, new and well lighted, and suitable for a printing, manufacturing or storage business. **10 N. Church street.**

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NEED SPOYALIST?—Call on my friend, M. O. graduate of the National College, No. 302 North 10th, where she is prepared to attend you in need of properly adjusted. **Miss Nesbitt** is a thorough and reliable, and is fully equipped with an up-to-date outfit. **Miss Nesbitt** is successful in fitting the eyes and ears in such a manner that the holidays approaching, and that a neat pair of glasses and a useful present to send them. **dec21-dt**

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Sealed Bids.

Public notice is hereby given that the contract for a steam pump will be let to the lowest bidder responsible bidder, and that no bid will be received from the date hereof until four o'clock p. m. Tuesday, the 27th day of December A. D. 1892, at the city clerk's office of the city of Decatur, Illinois.

That the pump shall have a capacity of at least three million gallons of water every twenty-four hours at all times and in all seasons, such water to be taken by said pump from the Sangamon river and to elevate the same to the filter plant to be situated about nine feet in height above the surface of the river at low water mark, and upon the hill immediately northeast of the present pumping station of the public water works of said city, with the same amount of suitable capacity to receive and propel such water; and that such pump and engines when placed in position shall be subjected to a duty test for twenty-four hours before the same are accepted by the city council of said city. The engine and pump to be operated continuously during the test at its rated capacity against a head of ninety-five feet on the pump, and the engine to be supplied with steam at a pressure of thirty pounds per square inch, which said steam and engine shall be furnished complete on foundation, including steam connections from engines to boilers, and water pipe connections from pump to filter, and from pump to river.

That such pump and engine shall be placed by the contractor free of cost to the city, and the foundry to be erected by said city, at a place to be selected by said city, at or near the public water works, pumping station of said city. The pump and engine shall be paid for by the sale of bonds of said city.

That all bids must specify the cost of the pump and engine, complete with full and complete specifications for same, in such manner that the city council may readily determine the utility, durability, capacity and usefulness, and the same and a guarantee of six months from the date of acceptance that such pump and engine will fulfill all requirements and specifications.

That the cost together with the utility, durability and usefulness and all other matters in any manner pertaining to the construction and maintenance of such pump and engine, will be considered in awarding and approving bids, and contracting for same together with all matters enumerated above.

The city council hereby expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and reserves the further right for the mayor and committee on water and light to open such bids after the date shall have expired to receive same, and that the mayor and such committee may examine all such bids and shall report all bids to said council with their report of same.

Dated this 24th day of December, A. D. 1892.
L. P. S. HALL, City Clerk.

Publication Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Macon County, ss.
County Court of Macon County, to the January Term, A. D. 1893.

Hiram A. Kitch, administrator of the estate of Casper Burg, deceased, vs. Hannah M. Burg, Margaret Cornelia and Charles Foster—Plaintiffs vs. said real estate to pay debts.

Whereas the non-residence of Margaret Cornelia, defendant above named, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the county court of Macon county, notice is hereby given to the said Margaret Cornelia that the said plaintiff Hiram A. Kitch, administrator of the estate of Casper Burg, deceased, has filed his petition in the said county court of Macon county for an order to sell the premises belonging to the estate of said deceased or so much of it as may be needed to pay the debts of said deceased, and described as follows, to-wit: of number seventeen (17) of block number one (1) to James A. Steele's addition to Macon, and that a summons has been issued out of said court against you, returnable at the January term, A. D. 1893 of said court, to be held on the second day of January, A. D. 1893 at the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois.

Now unless you, the said Margaret Cornelia, shall personally be and appear before said county court of Macon county on the next day of a term thereof, to be held in Decatur in said county, on the second day of January, 1893, and plead, answer or demur to the said complaint and things therein charged and stated will be taken as confessed, and a decree entered against you according to the prayer of said bill.

Decatur, Illinois, December 23rd, 1892.
GEO. P. HALL, Clerk.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of one execution issued by the county court of Macon county, Illinois, to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the county court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of George H. Scott and against J. H. Smith, et al. I have levied upon the following property, to-wit: of number thirty (30) of block number one (1) to James A. Steele's addition to Macon, and that a summons has been issued out of said court against you, returnable at the January term, A. D. 1893 of said court, to be held on the second day of January, A. D. 1893 at the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois.

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ST. Nicholas Hotel
CHAS. LACK, Proprietor.
South side of Old Square, Decatur, Ill.

RAILROAD TIME TABLES
In effect October 25, 1892.

WABASH.

FROM ST. LOUIS.	TO ST. LOUIS.
No. 10 Pass... 8:45 p.m.	No. 3 Pass... 6:30 a.m.
No. 4 Pass... 10:25 a.m.	No. 5 Pass... 8:45 a.m.
No. 44 Pass... 11:45 a.m.	No. 43 Pass... 4:30 a.m.
No. 42 Pass... 12:15 p.m.	No. 45 Pass... 2:05 p.m.
No. 2 Pass... 12:35 p.m.	No. 1 Pass... 2:05 p.m.

FROM QUINCY AND KANSAS CITY.

TO QUINCY AND KANSAS CITY.
No. 42 Pass... 10:10 p.m.
No. 44 Pass... 10:40 a.m.
No. 4 Pass... 10:40 a.m.
No. 6 Pass... 5:15 a.m.
No. 40 Acc... 7:00 p.m.
No. 70 Freight... 1:35 a.m.

TO QUINCY AND KANSAS CITY.

FROM QUINCY AND KANSAS CITY.
No. 43 Pass... 4:30 a.m.
No. 45 Pass... 8:00 p.m.
No. 1 Pass... 8:00 p.m.
No. 47 Acc... 5:45 a.m.
No. 71 Freight... 1:45 a.m.

TOLEDO & DETROIT.

FROM TOLEDO & DETROIT.	TO TOLEDO & DETROIT.
No. 42 Pass... 2:30 a.m.	No. 43 Pass... 6:25 a.m.
No. 45 Pass... 1:30 p.m.	No. 44 Pass... 11:15 a.m.
No. 41 Pass... 3:00 p.m.	No. 42 Pass... 10:30 p.m.
No. 47 Pass... from Memphis, 7:30 a.m.	No. 45 Pass... to Memphis... 3:15 p.m.

FROM CHICAGO.

TO CHICAGO.
No. 1 Pass... 1:30 a.m.
No. 3 Pass... 6:45 a.m.
No. 1 Pass... 2:30 p.m.
No. 4 Pass... 11:15 a.m.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
No. 4 Pass... 4:37 a.m.	No. 1 Pass... 5:30 p.m.
No. 43 Pass... 4:15 p.m.	No. 45 Pass... 5:25 a.m.
No. 4 Pass... 9:20 p.m.	No. 1 Pass... 10:25 a.m.
No. 13 Accom... 2:40 p.m.	No. 15 Freight... 7:30 a.m.
No. 14 Freight... 1:10 p.m.	No. 1, Chicago... 1:10 p.m.
No. 4, Chicago... 1:10 p.m.	No. 1, Chicago... 1:10 p.m.

INDIANAPOLIS, DECATUR & WESTERN.

ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 1 Pass... 2:35 p.m.	No. 2 Pass... 11:15 a.m.
No. 2 Pass... 3:55 a.m.	No. 4 Pass... 10:20 a.m.

PEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
No. 2 Pass... 2:10 p.m.	No. 1 Pass... 11:05 a.m.
No. 4 Pass... 6:35 a.m.	No. 3 Pass... 10:15 p.m.
No. 1 Pass... Sunday... 7:55 a.m.	No. 4 Pass... Sunday... 5:00 p.m.
No. 14 Freight... 11:05 a.m.	No. 11 Freight... 2:00 p.m.

VANDALIA LINE.

EAST.	WEST.
No. 2 Pass... 3:00 p.m.	No. 1 Pass... 11:35 a.m.
No. 4 Pass... 7:50 a.m.	No. 3 Pass... 7:05 p.m.
No. 1 Pass... Sunday... 7:00 p.m.	No. 5 Pass... 4:30 a.m.
No. 43 Pass... Sunday... only leave... 1 a.m.	No. 45 Pass... Sunday... only arrive... 3 p.m.
No. 41 Pass... Sunday... only arrive... 3:15 p.m.	No. 46 Pass... Sunday... only leave... 7:45 p.m.

FRESH OYSTERS —AT— WOOD'S.

SATURDAY EVE., DEC 24 1892

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Disappointed
All parties who expected to get 100-piece oyster sets for \$4.00 and found out it was a humbug as usual, will find that our 100 piece English sets are as advertised, and we do not try to palm off 50 piece sets and make people believe they are bargains. Come to us and get genuine bargains. E. D. BARTHOLOMEW.

DENZ & SON, tailors.

The Paragon Oil Co. Telephone 417
No Chicago markets by wire until Tuesday.

LATEST in children's games at Robin son's Book store 14-d2w

HOLIDAY goods at greatly reduced prices at Ralph Templeton's 19-d5t

Union underwear and equestrian tights at a cut price at Anthony & Webb's.

Hot beef tea, clam bouillon and chocolate at Grand Opera House Pharmacy 19-c6

Notice, we have reduced prices on all underwear, hosiery and Blar kets

ANTHONY & WEBB.

The purest, best candies in greatest variety and put up in the best style at Ralph Templeton's

The Grand Opera House cigars, made by K. & W. Weigand, are the best in town 19-d5t

TOILET WATERS, perfumes, cut glass bottles at reduced prices at Ralph Templeton's

We have placed on sale this week an unbroken line of fine umbrellas which must be sold regardless of cost.

nov30-d&wtf CHEAP CHARLEY

JOSE KING in jail in default of \$500 bail for keeping a bad house, may be able to get out to-day. Friends are doing what they can to secure bail.

FULL line of holiday goods to be closed out very cheap at W. W. Soudders, 249 North Main street, opposite Syndicate Block. 24-d8t

TO-DAY a marriage license was granted J. H. Alsbury, of Decatur, and Miss Nettie Zambro, of Weldon, DeWitt county, Ill.

STEP in to Cheap Charley's and ask the price of those fine silk umbrellas, you will be greatly surprised. Just the article for a Christmas present. nov30-d&wtf

FOR good goods and low figures in watches and jewelry be sure and call on W. W. Soudder at 249 North Main street, opposite Syndicate Block. 24-8t

SANDWICH PLATES AND CUTS a new fad, just arrived, in Haviland's Decorated China. An elegant present for Christmas. E. D. BARTHOLOMEW

THE Uncle Tom's Cabin parade to day took the town while it passed through the crowded streets. There were two bands, a cabin on a wagon, Uncle Tom in a cart drawn by a cow, Marks in a cart, Little Eva in a golden chariot drawn by Shetland ponies, and blood hounds and banners. Show at the grand this afternoon and to night.

WARM-LINED SHOES in ten styles, Men's Fine Arctics, 60c a pair, at Powers' Shoe Store. Dec 21 d&wtf

THE Christmas entertainment for the Sabbath school members at the First M. E. church will occur at 4 p. m. Monday Dec 28th, in the audience room. There will be a big house over the rostrum special decorations, recitations, songs and music by the full orchestra, also gifts for the children. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged all who are not members of the school.

CHRISTMAS MEATS

Attractive Display at Danzeisen & Son's Market—Six Herefords

The patrons of the J. G. Danzeisen & Son meat market on Merchant street have no cause to complain in any season. Christmas week and every other season of the year this enterprising firm keeps in the front rank by always having on sale all that is desired by a fastidious trade, which comes from all parts of the city. The present Christmas display is quite elaborate, embracing six Hereford, the pick of a herd, and besides these juicy quarters, there is a big show of pork, mutton, veal, etc., etc., which has won the envy and praise of all who have visited the popular market.

In addition to the special supply of premium beef, Danzeisen & Son have on sale venison and other luxuries. The firm was busy to-day filling orders for tender roasts and steaks. Make your selections.

Will Close

The Decatur banks city and county offices and the postoffice will remain closed on Monday, Dec 26th for Christmas.

JOHN S. CLARK, the comedian is leaving for England.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Harrison Baker is very sick.
J. L. Stout has returned from Chicago.
I. H. Burgoon has gone to Freemont, Ohio.

Richard Hixon left to-day for Penna on business.

Miss Mame Nichols has returned from Trinidad, Col.

Miss Mary French is in Chicago visiting relatives.

Dr. J. D. Moore will spend Christmas at Assumption.

Miss Cora McGorray returned from Latham to-day.

Miss Edith Lytle departed to-day for Shelbyville, Ky.

Henry Smith has returned home from Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Olyde Boyer will eat his Christmas turkey at Clinton.

Dr. Swain visited Macon to-day on professional business.

Fred Bonfield left to-day for Denver, Ind., to visit relatives.

Frank Evans, of Indianapolis, will spend Xmas in this city.

Helm Whitehurst, of Jacksonville, will spend Christmas in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Fritchett left to-day for Chicago on business.

Harry Kennedy, of Griffin, Mo., is in the city to-day visiting friends.

Hon. R. H. Woodcock, of Macon, was in the city yesterday on business.

Miss Cora Powell will spend her Christmas with relatives in Armington.

Mrs. W. W. Mason and nephew, Bert, are in Taylorville visiting relatives.

Attorney J. M. Gray will leave this evening for Vandalia to remain a few days.

Mrs. E. J. Cummings left to-day for week's visit with her daughter in Chicago.

Miss Adela Davis, of Peoria, is home to spend her Christmas vacation with relatives.

Tom Wilson, of Chicago, has for the present accepted a position with O. T. Johnston.

Allan Bevans arrived in the city to-day from Anson, Mo., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Louisa Fell, of Jacksonville, is in the city visiting H. A. Wood and family and other relatives.

Mrs. Alice Evans left this morning for Chicago to spend the holidays with Miss Margaret Choyd.

Harry Hays, of Peoria, will arrive Decatur to-day to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hays.

J. M. Souder and family will leave to-day for Livingston to visit relatives until after the holidays.

George T. Tucker is at Springfield to-day attending the funeral of his brother Henry M. Tucker.

Hon. A. P. Ewing and family, of Chicago, are the Christmas guests of H. and Mrs. C. A. Ewing.

Miss Adela Holet, of C. T. Johnston dry goods store, will spend Xmas with her parents in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. W. W. Daniels, of Columbus, Ohio, is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Burrows.

Charles Ossell and Tom McCoun of the Wabash shops will visit relatives in Indianapolis over Xmas.

Engineer Thomas McTaggart, of Wabash, departed last evening for New York City and the E. St.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Devore departed to-day for Danville to spend Christmas with Mr. Devore's parents.

Miss Anna Witzeman of Warrenton, Mo., arrived in the city to-day to visit her parents during the holidays.

A. J. Horaine, clerk at C. T. Johnston dry goods store, will visit relatives in Bloomington over Christmas.

Mrs. Martha Davis and daughter, Misses Katie and Mattie, of Oregan, are in the city visiting relatives.

Mrs. R. A. Judy arrived home to-day from an extended visit with relatives in Missouri and southern Illinois.

Mrs. Charles Morgan, of Litchfield, arrived in the city to-day to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Martin.

Mrs. Drinkell, Misses Alice and M. Shaw and Edith Guard, will spend the holidays with relatives in Peoria.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Ceters left to-day for St. Louis, where they will visit Ceter's parents for several days.

Charles Caster and sister, Miss L. of Chicago, are in the city to spend the holidays with Mrs. William Duden.

Conrad Krental will leave to-night for New Orleans, La., to join his family, who have been there for several weeks past.

George T. Page, of Peoria, will be in Decatur to-day to join his wife, who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas I.

Floyd Gastman has returned from Arbor to spend the holidays with parents, Supt. and Mrs. E. A. Gust.

Harry Scott, stenographer in a wholesale hardware store at Peoria, home to spend the holidays with relatives.

T. B. McMillen, local manager of Telephone Exchange, will enjoy Xmas dinner with relatives in Chicago.

Mrs. Julia Harris, of Clinton, is in the city to-day to visit her sister, W. F. Cathoun, of 1104 North E. street.

E. B. Hillman will come down Peoria to-day to join his wife and Christmas with D. S. Shellbarg family.

George Fisher, of Paris, in the agent service at Pekin, and a nephew, Judge Hunter, is in the city to-day visiting friends.

Mrs. D. L. Rider and children arrived in the city to-day to visit R. D. Wilson and family in old-Rice.

Dr. E. J. Brown arrived home to-day from New York City. During the last six weeks Dr. Brown has been studying at the various hospitals in Gotham.

Z. T. Pope, of Springfield, special traveling representative for the Singer Sewing Machine company, was in the city to-day, calling on Manager Barnett, of the Decatur office, and crossing paths with his many friends.

J. J. Osborne and son, W. C. Osborne, who have been in the city visiting J. L. Osborn and family, left to-day for their home in Holiday, Shelby county, Ill. J. N. O. Burns, of this city, accompanied them to their home.

Miss Corrine Shellabarger is home from Washington, D. C., where she has been attending school and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Shellabarger.

Miss Bessie Pagam returned yesterday to her home in Lincoln after a visit in Decatur with her sister, Mrs. A. T. Summerville. Mrs. Summerville accompanied her home and will spend the holidays there.

W. B. O'Ryan, who is home from a western trip, says snow has been a foot deep in Iowa for over a week and that out at Waterloo the street cars are mounted on bob sleds, to haul the people.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Bacon and Joe P. G. Elkin left to-day for Tazewell, where they will attend the funeral of the late Mrs. D. A. Conover.

E. O. Hovey, of New Haven, Conn., arrived in the city to-day and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Curtis, on East Elcorado street.

Mrs. Anna C. Powell and Mrs. Mary Jackson, of Virden, Ill., arrived in the city to-day to visit their sister, Mrs. L. G. Ford.

Miss Kate McGorray, a teacher in the Rushville public schools, is home to spend her Christmas vacation.

Paul Smith left to-day for St. Louis and Jerseyville to visit relatives for a week or longer.

IVORY H. PIKE IN TROUBLE.

Charged With Obtaining Deeds to Land in Violation of the Court's Order.

Ivory H. Pike, of Bloomington, who at one time was a member of the General Assembly of this state from the McLean district has been cited to appear before Judge Gresham's court to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court.

In September, 1896, Nancy Ingalls filed suit in the federal court praying for an injunction against her sister, Charlotte Rice, and her husband to restrain them from disposing of certain land at Belvidere, Ill. Some time ago Pike appeared in the case for the Rice, entering as a counsel of record. A few days ago William Carey was substituted. Yesterday Carey went before Judge Gresham and filed a bill which is brought by Mrs. Rice against August Schults and Ivory H. Pike. It alleges that just after the suit of Nancy Ingalls against the Rices was begun Pike induced them to employ him as attorney at \$5 a day, displacing the regular attorney; that for ten days work Pike brought in a bill for \$1,200 and demanded that the clients convey to him forty acres of land which is involved in the original suit, promising to perform all further legal proceedings for nothing. It is alleged that when refused, Pike coerced Rice into signing an agreement to deliver him the forty acres during the year 1897 and by this and other intrigue and threats he got a deed to the land. Mr. Rice is old and frail and Pike, it is alleged, took advantage of these infirmities.

The judge issued an order restraining Pike and Schults from disposing of the land, and to appear January 9, and show cause why he should not be punished for contempt.

She Cared for Union Soldiers.
EFFINGHAM, Ill., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Mary A. Newcomb, of Grandma Newcomb, as she was familiarly known to hundreds of old soldiers and friends in this state, died at her home in Effingham yesterday morning, aged 76 years. Mrs. Newcomb served the Union as a hospital and camp nurse during four years of the war. About three years ago she broke her leg by a fall. Since that time she has written a book entitled "Four Years of War and Personal Experience in the War." It is dedicated to the boys who wore the blue and is now in press in a Chicago publishing house.

In the Schools.

There were special exercises in a number of the school rooms of the public schools on Friday afternoon. In several rooms there were grab-bag gifts for the pupils, each remembering the other. The children brought gifts of apples, potatoes and clothing for poor children.

Spiritualist.

Miss Abby A. Judson, at grand jury room, over Lian & Serages. At 3:30 p. m., "What is Spiritualism?" At 7:31 p. m., "Why I came out from the church."

Spark Guards.

lined with fine screen, the best thing for the place, at the Lytle & Eckels Hardware Co. dec23-dtf

Rugs.

Everybody is invited to look through the rugs at Abel's Carpet House this week. 17-d&w2w

IN IT AS USUAL.

The Rush at Phil Blenz's Market for Christmas Meats.

Eight Choice Steers and Heifers on the Blocks for the Holidays.

Phil Blenz, the genial and popular butcher at 229 North Water street, is in it again this year as usual. He is an acknowledged connoisseur in all that pertains to his business, and in the Christmas season he is in his element. He loves to make people happy, and above all he delights to cater to his army of customers who throng his place daily. This year Phil has broken all previous records in display of superior quality and quantity of Christmas meats—morning as it does eight magnificent Herefords and Polled Angus steers and heifers, the choicest cattle of two herds.

When the Republican reporter called at Phil's market this forenoon the crowd of purchasers selecting juicy steaks and tender roasts was so great that the door was opened with difficulty. The reporter, like every body else, had to wait his turn to get the attention of the proprietor, and then it was only for a moment. Time is always precious with Phil. Being centrally located and closely studying the wants of his customers, Mr. Blenz has built up a large trade. It is always a rush with him. Since Thursday the rush has been unusually brisk. It will be kept up all next week, and Phil is prepared to serve the public promptly and with the very best the market affords. Besides the tempting quarters on the blocks and hooks he has a fine display of dressed turkeys, and also every other kind of meats kept in a first class market. Buy your Christmas meat at Phil Blenz's market 229 North Water street.

Merino and Cashmere Underwear the largest and best assorted stock, at lower prices than anywhere, at Linn & Serages D. G. & C. Co. d&w

Jos. Grass.

Headquarters for Wall Paper and Paints. 308 N. Water St., next to 99 ct. store. d17-d2w.

THE CHURCHES TO-MORROW.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.
Rev. W. E. Leavitt, pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning service at 10:30. Subject, "Our Christmas Gift." No evening service. All are invited to attend.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
W. H. Penhalligon, D. D., pastor. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Intermediate endeavor at 6:15 p. m. Christmas music service in the evening. Strangers and others not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited.

COLLEGE STREET CHAPEL.

Sunday school at 2 p. m. R. G. Wells, Supt.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL.

Corner of Mason street and Hawthorn avenue. Sunday school at 2 p. m. R. J. Simpson, Supt.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Cor. N. Water and N. North St. Charles E. Torrey, pastor. Bible school at 9:30 a. m. Morning children's exercises, "Hold Fast to the Word." Evening service, "The Greatest of Gifts." Seats free. Strangers always welcome.

East Park Bible school at 2:30 p. m.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

W. C. T. Hall, laboratory building. Rev. E. R. Kuntz, pastor. Sabbath school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 10:45. O'clock subject, "Christ Our Model." Evening service, 7:00. Subject, "Christ and the Holy Spirit in the World." Y. P. S. C. E. 6:15 p. m. You are welcomed by us.

U. B. CENTENARY CHURCH.

453 North Broadway. J. A. F. King, pastor. Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor. Sabbath school at 2 p. m. A cordial invitation extended to all.

FIRST ENGLISH EVNG. LUTHERAN.

Rev. M. L. Wagner, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. by the pastor. In the evening at 7 o'clock there will be a special Christmas service by the Sunday school. The catechetical class will not meet this day. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH.

Rev. M. M. Goodwin, Recton. Holy Communion, 7 a. m. 84 days school 9:31 a. m. Morning prayer, sermon and 2d celebration of the holy communion, 10:30 a. m. Children's service, consisting of carols, scriptural reading and recitations.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Sunday school at 3 p. m. Rooms 14 and 15, second floor, west end of Penn. block. Christian science explanation of the International Sunday school lessons. All interested are cordially invited.

CHURCH OF GOD.

Corner of North Water and Cerro Gordo streets. Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6:15 p. m.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

T. A. Parker, pastor. Preaching morning and evening at 10:30 and 7 o'clock. Special Christmas music and sermons. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Class meeting at 9 a. m. Strangers in the city cordially invited.

SARGENT'S CHAPEL.

Sunday school at 2 p. m. Class meeting at 3:15 p. m.

GRACE M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. H. H. Oneal, D. D., pastor. General class meeting at 9 a. m. Preaching Christmas sermon, by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Young men's meeting at 6 p. m. in basement. Preaching at 7 p. m. by the pastor, followed by revival service.

Mission Sunday school, 9 a. m., corner North Broadway and Hickman st.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST.

Rev. S. L. Moore, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Birth of Christ." Every member of the church and Sunday school are urged to be present and to bring their siblings. At 2:30 p. m. a lecture will be delivered to the Sunday school and church, after which officers will be elected for the ensuing year. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Belshazzar's Feast." All are invited to come.

Y. M. C. A.

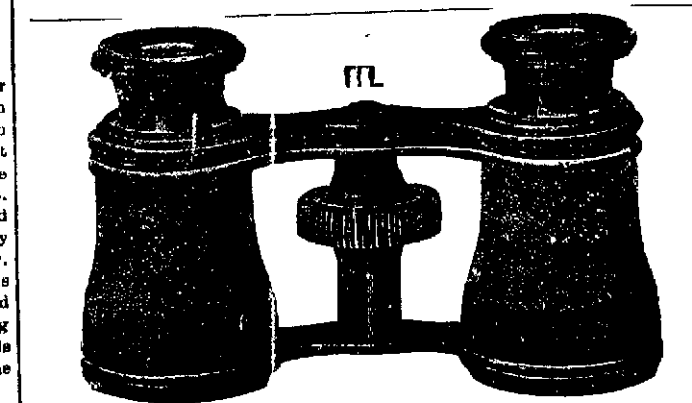
Gospel meeting at 3:30 p. m. in the rooms over Chas. Charley's store. All young men are cordially invited to be present.

GRACE MISSION.

Rev. F. H. Burrill, minister in charge. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.

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We have recently opened a very large importation of these goods and are offering very decided bargains in them, PEARL, MOROCCO, SILVER AND ALLUMINUM.

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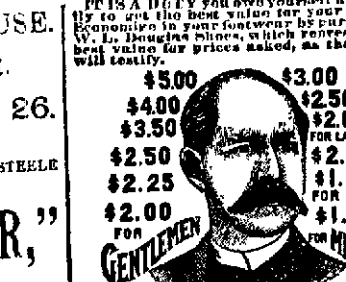
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